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## PSC APPROVES MISSOURI GAS ENERGY TARIFF WHICH SEEKS TO HELP TORNADO VICTIMS

Jefferson City (May 15, 2003)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a tariff filed by Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) which is designed to provide economic relief to MGE customers with property damage from the May 2003 tornadoes. The proposed tariff change would waive connection and/or reconnection charges necessitated by such property damage.

"I applaud Missouri Gas Energy's quick response as well as the quick manner in which our Staff has handled this request," stated Chairman Kelvin Simmons. "To act in this quick fashion will provide help to those in need in our state due to the recent devastating tornadoes," added Chairman Simmons.

The Commission's order approving the request states: "Approval will provide customers affected by the tornadoes a measure of economic relief. The Commission finds that the nature of the severe weather and the relief that the filing will provide establish good cause to approve the tariff on an expedited basis."

The proposed tariff takes effect May 19, 2003.

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